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In response to an OA (Office Action) mailed on 12/17/2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 121204) regarding the above-identified patent application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment and response.

The Applicant is also submitting herewith a petition for extension of time (1 month) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) along with payment of the appropriate fees.